AFS and Marine Fisheries



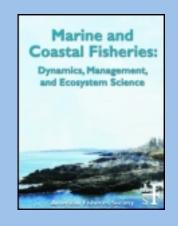
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What We Do

- Promote scientific research, sustainable management, and responsible policy related to fish and their habitat.
- Publish some of the world's leading fisheries research journals and books.





What We Do (continued)

- Organize scientific meetings where new results are reported and discussed.
- Encourage comprehensive education for fisheries professionals.



Brief History

- Oldest fisheries organization in the world.
- Convene annual meetings at national, regional, and local levels throughout North America.
- Publish journals.
- Engage with fisheries societies globally.



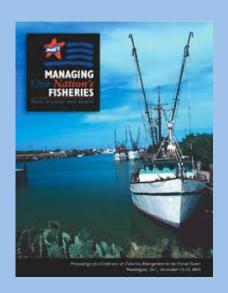


Capabilities

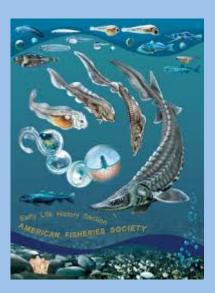
- Largest membership of any fisheries society, buoyed by national office.
- Comprehensive offerings spanning research, policy, management, and education.
- More than 100 units across disciplines and geography.
- Decades of close collaboration with all sectors.

Priorities

- Research share emerging knowledge across sciences.
- Management translate information for direct application.







Priorities (continued)

- Policy influence decisions through action on broad issues and specific actions.
- Education offer continuing education courses, professional certification, and intern/ fellow opportunities.





What Can AFS Do for You?

- Offer opportunities to track latest findings across all fisheries fields.
- Strong emphasis on students and young professionals.









What Can AFS Do for You? (continued)



- Convene annual meetings to strengthen connections and communications.
- Host special events to target audiences.
- Most comprehensive networks for fisheries professionals.







What Can AFS Do for You? (continued)

- Publish themed issues of its six journals.
- Encourage professional development through courses and certification.
- Partner with agencies and academia to advance interests across diversity fronts.







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